

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023 7:00 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Lake Geneva City Hall

Present: Ken Etten, Patrick Quinn, Louise Rayppy, Chris Brookes, Grace Hanny, Sonja Akright, Emily Hummel and Tim Dunn. Guests: Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Alderperson. Greg Schroeder, 534 Madison Street.

Review and approval of the minutes from February 14, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Comments from the public and correspondence. None

Reports on the Geneva Lake Museum upcoming events, including "Tuesdays @ Two" programs, and news from the Maple Park Homeowners' Association, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals and paid parking in the Maple Park Historic District. The history of the Lake Geneva Youth Camp will be the next "Tuesdays @ Two" on April 4th. Fund Raising event at the museum on June 8th. Black Point Estates will be present and will provide the beer. The old-fashioned barber shop, almost completed. The Maple Park Homeowners' Association Spring meeting will be on April 21. Block party will be at Topsy Turvy. Emily made the comment why Madison can have such strict rules, but we cannot. That hasn't been answered by the city, in regards to short-term rentals. No paid parking in Maple Park for the time being.

Updates regarding Black Point Estate & Gardens, Horticultural Hall, and Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours, including Black Point programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library. Black Point Movie Monday programs will end in April. Local History series will start in May. Black Point will reopen in May for tours.

Updates on events at The Riviera, at the 1928 Geneva Theater, or local news items relating to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. Different acts will be coming soon at the Theater.

Review of recent bills and invoices, updates on the current balance in the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2023 City Budget. Our current balance is \$10,385.00.

Updates on tributes to honor Jim Davis and Jackie Getzen's contributions to the LGHPC, including scheduling the dedication of the oak tree and plaque at Oak Hill Cemetery in memory of Jim Davis. The dedication will take place in the Spring. The paver for Jackie has been installed at the Library.

Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within National & State Historic Districts. No new information.

Update regarding submittal of Certified Local Government renewal application by February 28, 2023, the creation of a more inclusive Local Historic Landmark Ordinance based upon the Whitewater Local Landmark Ordinance, the Fond du Lac Historic Preservation Ordinance, discussions with City Attorney Dan Draper, and additional information from Jason Tish at Wisconsin Historical Society. Chris and Grace didn't get to meet with Dan Draper on 3/17. Dan said will get in touch. Dan Draper working on rearrangement of local Landmark—renumbering the sections. Up to owner to ask for landmark designation.

Update regarding the status of the replacement of existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at Timberline Signs and discussion and review of list on which signs should be repaired and/or replaced next. There are five signs that we will have replaced or repaired : 1. Whiting House 2. Maple Park National Historic District 3. C & N. W. Train Station 4. Historic Railroad Site 5. Oak Hill Cemetery. Motion was approved to replace or repair these five signs. Estimate: \$4,190.00.

Discussion regarding status of the Three Graces statue in Flat Iron Park including the relocation to the Geneva Lake Museum, and the future plans for repair and/or replacement of the Three Graces statue. The statue has been moved to the Geneva Lake Museum. A suggestion was made that a collection box and history of statue should be placed at the statue.

Review of recent Historic Plaque Program applications, the cost of plaques from Timberline Signs at \$258.48 each (including sales tax), application forms, and ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients. No new information.

Updates on the status of the I-phone app and Android app of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour, including reactivation of I-phone app, and discussion on how to better promote the apps, including presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Also, any new information regarding required update renewal of I-phone app. Sonja is working on updating the I-phone app. Need original texts.

Discussion regarding new projects for the LGHPC, including future "Tales of Lake Geneva" programs, updates to our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org , and discussion on any other potential future LGHPC projects that we might want to consider. The "Tales of Lake Geneva" will take place on June 13th at the Geneva Lake Museum at 6:00 p.m. The speakers will be Chris Brookes, John Notz, Jr. and Sonja Akright. It will be the 40th Anniversary of the museum this year.

Update regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Railroad Site, including information from the Park Board regarding the park bench in memory of Ed Yaeger. The Street Department is working on a refinished park bench. Report regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett at Visit Lake Geneva / Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Lake Geneva City Administrator David Nord on how the LGHPC can help promote tourism in Lake Geneva. Chris has been invited to attend one of their meetings, will mention Historic Preservation.

Update on information from Jason Tish at the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions. WAHPC Spring Conference – April 21-22 in Marshfield.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Louise M. Rayppy